

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 70.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in aid of repairing a draw-bridge in the town of  
Addison.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and  
2 is hereby appropriated in aid of repairing the draw-bridge  
3 across Pleasant river in the town of Addison.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This bridge is across Pleasant River in the town of Addison, is on the direct line of travel around the coast and is very largely traveled by the county generally.

It is five hundred feet in length with a draw forty feet in width, which has to be removed from two to three hundred times annually at an expense of from \$100 to \$150. The depth of water at site of bridge varies from twenty to forty feet.

It was built about fifty years ago of pile and covered with plank, some twelve years after it was cut down, so that the covering would be brought in contact with salt water to prevent rotting, and covered with poles and earth to the depth of two feet.

At the present time the covering is comparatively sound but the pile are all split to pieces from the action of the ice and liable to give away at any time.

Last summer forty feet of this bridge settled about two feet in one night, rendering it unsafe for travel and was repaired at an expense of \$350. The remainder of this bridge is in the same condition and has got to be repaired within a year at an estimated expense of over \$2,000.

We also have fourteen other bridges across salt water, two of which are over one hundred and fifty feet in length, and three over one hundred feet in length. We also have forty-five miles of road within the limits of the town.

Our inhabitants in 1890 was 1,022, a decrease of over 200 since 1880. Our valuation is \$290,324, nearly all of which is in old farms and old vessels. At present there is very little business done in town and in consequence it is very difficult to collect taxes.

At our last annual meeting we raised a little over \$5,000, the book was placed in the hands of the collector the first of June, and the first of November he had been able to collect but \$1,275 and over one-half of this was in road orders.

Our fall schools closed about the middle of November and at that time we were able to pay but two of thirteen teachers and two remain unpaid at the present time. When I left home a few days since there was but \$12 in the town treasury.

With our present financial condition and inability to collect taxes after they are assessed, with this long and expensive bridge to repair, I would respectfully ask the State for \$1,000, which in my opinion will not be one-half the sum required for the purpose.

FRED A. CHANDLER,  
Chairman Board Selectmen.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 6, 1895.

Reported by Mr. LAWRENCE of Lubec, from Committee on Ways  
and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*